

2019 AGM MINUTES

A question from the floor was asked regarding what happens now with the 5 Miles project. Ian replied that for now the Church Council does not believe the project is over but that they are exploring opportunities with the initial site as well as other options for the future.

**Financial Report:** Donald Bennet went through the Financial report as published in the Annual Report.

**‘That the financial report as presented be received and that Crowe Howarth be re-appointed auditors for the coming year’**

Moved Donald Bennett - Seconded by Graham Williams who thanked Donald and McCulloch and Partners for the work involved in the Church accounts.

**Carried**

Graham Williams spoke about the Arrowtown Manse proposal then moved

**‘That the Church Council be authorised to borrow up to \$450000 for the new Arrowtown manse and to apply for permission to borrow from Synod.’** Seconded Kim Wilkinson

**Carried**

Comprehensive Motion

It is moved that the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting be confirmed, the attendance and apologies of this meeting as recorded be received, that the Church Council as listed be affirmed, and that the reports, excluding the Treasurer’s Report and the Financial & Property Group report be received”

**Lindsay Key/Hank Sproull**

**Carried**

Lindsay Key thanked the Church Secretary, Lita, and all involved in putting AGM reports together

**The meeting closed with the benediction at 11.35 am.**



# WAKATIPU COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## MISSION STATEMENT

To live in Christ,  
To grow as a community  
of Faith, Hope,  
Love & Joy

## OUR VISION

Growing God’s  
Kingdom one life  
at a time



# ANNUAL MEETING



# REPORT 2019 - 2020



**Annual Meeting**

**Locations:**

**ST ANDREW'S** \_\_\_\_\_ **QUEENSTOWN**

**ST JOHN'S** \_\_\_\_\_ **ARROWTOWN**

**ST MARGARET'S** \_\_\_\_\_ **FRANKTON**

**MINISTERS** **IAN M GUY**

**CARLTON G JOHNSTONE**

**CLAY PETERSON DE OLIVEIRA**

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR** **CLAUDIO CESAR GONCALVES**

**ASSOCIATE PASTOR** **IRAJA MAX HAAS DA SILVA**

**CHURCH CLERK** **SHIRLEY WATSON**

**SECRETARY** **MEILITA MANUSAMA**

**TREASURER** **DAVID MCNEILL**

**PROPERTY AND FINANCE** **KIM WILKINSON**



**2019 AGM MINUTES**

**Minutes of Annual Meeting of the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church held as part of the worship service on Sunday 29th September 2019 at St Margarets Church**

**Present:** 77 members were in attendance (Register of names filled with these minutes)

**Apologies**

The following apologies were recorded - Bruce Patton, Raewyn Byars, Rosslyn Munro, Janet Rutherford, Berryl and Peter Willsman, Carlton Johnstone, Chris Phoon, Audrey Taylor, Alison Naylor, Kitty Cloete, Joan Allen, Andy Elia, Melanie Elia, Putu Young, Tony Young, Geoff Maunsell, Raewyn Maunsell

**Moment of Silence**

A moment of silence was held for those members who have passed away since the last Annual meeting: Robert Rutherford, Norma Fisher, Agnes Wilson, Douglas Binney, Marion Patton, Stuart McKenzie, Mary Anderson, Nan McIntyre and Ron Dickie.

Lindsay Key concluded the silence with the reading of Revelation 21:1-5

**Confirmation of 2018 minutes**

That the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting be confirmed after the addition of the words "o equivalent" in the motion regarding full time standard terms of call.

Matters arising: - Nil

**Reports:**

Reports from Leadership, Church Council, Congregations, Outreach, Global, Youth and Small Groups as published in the Annual report were discussed.

**Church Council Members**

Margaret Little thanked Church Council for all their work

It was noted that Basil Patterson and Geoff Maunsell were retiring from Church Council

Members of the Congregation offered prayer for the Leadership Team, Church Council and Elders. Members of the Congregation also offered prayer for ministry amongst children and teens and small group leaders.

**Children's Ministry**

Church Council had approved the employment of Kiesha Cox as Childrens Ministry worker and she was introduced to the congregation by Pat Henderson.

Members of the Church Council and ST John's Elders gathered around Kiesha and prayed for her as she accept this important ministry role.

The reports in Section 8 : 5 Mile, Property and Finance and the Financial report were presented for discussion.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church**

**Statement of Financial Position**

**As at 30 June 2020**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	\$	\$
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>		
Trust Capital	5,053,080	5,053,080
Retained Surplus / (Deficit)	(307,079.00)	(252,359.00)
<b>Total Accumulated Funds</b>	<b>4,746,001</b>	<b>4,800,721</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash at Bank	37,462	12,349
BNZ - Achiever Saver	1,088	847
Presbyterian Investment Fund	557,731	953,220
Accounts Receivable	119	10,986
GST Receivable	5,524	4,259
Other Current Assets	70,770	94,502
Fixed Assets	103,859	125,823
Land and Buildings	4,306,281	4,336,494
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>5,082,834</b>	<b>5,538,480</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	8,263	9,489
Funds Received New Church	324,770	324,470
Advances - 5 Mile Project	-	400,000
Dr Alf Poole Trust	3,800	3,800
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>336,833</b>	<b>737,759</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>4,746,001</b>	<b>4,800,721</b>



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**Our Mission, Vision, Values and General Goals**

**Our Mission:**

To live in Christ, and to grow as a Community of Faith, Hope, Love and Joy.

**Our Vision:**

Growing God's kingdom one life at a time.

**Wakatipu Presbyterian Church is a community who are...**

**centered on the Bible**

The Bible is the living and active story of God. We are called to know, live, and share God's story. Psalm 119:105, Hebrews 4:12, 2 Timothy 3:16

**growing in God's Love**

Jesus calls us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Mark 12:3-31, 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

**united in Worship**

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to express the glory of God with adoration in spirit and truth. Psalm 95:6-7, Revelation 14:7

**called to Discipleship**

Following Jesus we are called to know him, grow in his likeness, and to make disciples. Matthew 4:19, Matthew 28:19-20

**encouraged to Participate**

We value the participation of all ages using their spiritual giftings and strengths to build up the church as the body of Christ. 1 Peter 4:10, Mark 10:14. 1 Corinthians 14:26

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church**

**Statement of Financial Performance**

For the Year Ended 30 June 2020

	2020	2019
	\$	\$
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
Freewill Givings	295,667	320,334
Rentals	33,123	37,808
Donations	37,512	9,087
Bequests	25,274	-
Synod Grant – Children's Worker	11,400	-
Mainly Music	3,841	7,039
Wedding/Funeral Receipts	5,361	12,500
Fair Income	22,676	22,520
Government Wage Subsidy	44,918	-
<b>Total Gross Surplus</b>	<b>479,772</b>	<b>409,288</b>
<b>Less Expenses</b>		
Administration	42,958	39,454
Communications	6,655	5,572
Depreciation	58,723	64,295
Donations	6,882	4,682
Education	2,435	1,236
Event Expenses	17,055	14,568
Ministry Costs	309,177	289,491
Outreach	54,072	65,382
Property Expenses	96,144	98,715
Wider Work & Nat services	13,978	22,995
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>608,079</b>	<b>606,390</b>
<b>Operating Deficit before Other Revenue</b>	<b>(128,307)</b>	<b>(197,102)</b>
<b>Other Revenue</b>		
Interest Received	19,998	32,754
Global Church - Feijoada and Other Events	-	5,347
Outreach Donations	51,006	51,823
Sundry Income	2,583	7,470
<b>Total Other Revenue</b>	<b>73,587</b>	<b>97,394</b>
<b>Net Deficit</b>	<b>(54,720)</b>	<b>(99,708)</b>
<b>Allocated pursuant to Deed of Trust as follows:</b>		
Transfer to Accumulated Funds	(54,720)	(99,708)
	<b>(54,720)</b>	<b>(99,708)</b>

## Treasurer's Report 2020

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### Revenue and Expenses

By God's grace our freewill giving has been extremely good in these COVID times, He has encouraged us to be generous givers, praise the Lord! Our total expenses remain broadly similar to the prior year. While we have a deficit of \$54,720 for the year this includes \$58,723 for depreciation. Without depreciated we would have a small surplus of \$4,003.

### Balance Sheet

The most significant change to our balance sheet is the reduction of the Presbyterian Investment Fund balance and the elimination of the "Advances - 5 Mile Project". The advance or loan of \$400,000 was repaid during the year with the funds coming from the Presbyterian Investment Fund.

Further details of the financial information will be discussed during the annual meeting.

**David McNeill**

Treasurer



### Church Goals:

To develop new opportunities for people to know Christ and to worship.

To invite people of all ages to faith.

To strengthen the existing congregations that they may grow and offer space/protection to the newly formed groups till they are established and strong, and they in turn can nourish and encourage the older congregations.

To ensure that discipleship becomes a way of life (for all members) and not simply a programme.

To ensure the Church is involved in the community, where we are actively seeking ways to be a blessing to all peoples.

To strengthen and broaden our leadership to better reach our diverse and growing community.

To be a Church of positive influence in the community for this and coming generations.

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### Church Council

#### Organisational Guidelines

The Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church (WCPC) is one church incorporating congregations based at St Andrew's – Queenstown, St John's – Arrowtown and St Margaret's – Frankton. Each congregation is unique and has a particular call, yet each comes under the authority of the whole.

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Definition**

A Court known as the Church Council provides spiritual oversight, leadership in mission, pastoral care, and governance of the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church. The rights, privileges, responsibilities and duties of the Parish Council are as contained in chapter 7 of the Book of Order, Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. A copy of the Book of Order (BOO) can be viewed (or downloaded) from the [PCANZ web-site](#). These guidelines should be read in conjunction with chapters 6 & 7 of the BOO.

**Functions**

**Spiritual Leadership:** To encourage Christian commitment and devotion within the congregation by words and by example. The Church Council exercises rule in spiritual matters within the Congregation, and its duty is to lead in prayer and outreach and to promote Christian maturity. The Church Council has responsibility to determine the suitability of those undertaking leadership roles within the church.

**Pastoral Care:** To ensure effective pastoral care of all persons for whom the church is responsible.

**Worship and Sacraments:** To fix times and places of public worship, arranges for the administration of the sacraments, giving approval of baptisms and when and where communion will be shared, and appoints special times for prayer or fasting.

**Church Rolls:** To maintain the rolls of members and associates (to be updated annually at least 4 weeks before each Annual Meeting).

**Oversight of Facility use:** to determine, when necessary, the uses to which the church buildings may be put.

**Church Records:** To see that all minutes and records required by the Church are kept, secured, and produced when requested.

**Denominational Church Representation:** To arrange for the appointment of members to the Southern Presbytery; Synod of Otago and Southland and General Assembly. To make nominations when called for by the regional and national courts of the PCANZ.

**Church Representation:** To form committees and workgroups to be responsible for particular aspects of church life. The Council establishes these groups, appoints the Chairperson, sets their terms of reference, and receives regular reports on their work. Committees have planning and defined executive functions within the policies approved by the Church Council, however the Church Council remains ultimately responsible for those aspects of church Life.

**Congregational Meetings:** To encourage and promote, as far as may be possible and fruitful, meetings of the Congregation in order to foster the widest possible participation of the people in the life, concerns, and mission of the Church. As a minimum there shall be an Annual Meeting normally held between August and November.

**FINANCIAL & PROPERTY**

# Property and Finance Annual Report 2020

The Property and Finance Group have met regularly throughout the year and reported to the Church Council. The group comprises Kim Wilkinson, Convenor; David McNeill, Treasurer; Rev. Ian Guy, Senior Minister; Rev. Carlton Johnstone, Arrowtown Minister; Rev. Clay Peterson de Oliveira, Global Community Minister, Shirley Watson, Church Clerk; Bruce Patton, Keith Patterson, Jim Fraser and Stanley Swiety.

The emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in New Zealand had a major impact on the Church at the end of March with the subsequent five-week lockdown. This led to a loss of income both from freewill giving and from renting rooms in our buildings. As restrictions eased both these sources of income began to flow again. The response from parishioners increasing their giving including extra donations to assist the Church and our ministers has been appreciated. With the loss of income over those early months of the pandemic the Church qualified and applied to the government for the original COVID-19 wage subsidy. After 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 we also received financial assistance from the Wakatipu Greatest Needs Fund and The Wakatipu Senior Citizens association to help with the Pasta Café evenings at St Margaret's which were appreciated by many following the impact of the pandemic on local people's lives.

Building projects that had been planned for such as the new Arrowtown manse and the kitchen upgrade at St Andrew's have been delayed until our financial position has stabilised. These projects are ready to start in 2021 should we be able to afford them. Synod has already approved some funding for the manse.

The Group wishes to express thanks to all those parishioners who do so much work for our congregations throughout the year. To those of you involved in music, teaching, health and safety protocols, cleaning, gardening, maintenance, door duties, morning and afternoon teas along with elders and manager meetings we wish to say "thank you" for all the time you give to us.

I would also like to thank the assistance I've received from our new treasurer David McNeill, Shirley Watson our Parish Clerk, Lita our Church secretary along with the continued support from Graham Williams (our previous convenor) who has helped with funding applications as well as the knowledge and support from the rest of the P&F Group.

**Kim Wilkinson**  
Convenor



YOUTH

# Children’s Ministry Team at St Johns



It has been a year of new experiences for the Children’s Ministry Team at St Johns. As I was the new member of the team, my first term was spent finding my feet, seeing what systems were in place and how the team worked together. Building relationships and seeing what the volunteer leaders felt was working for them, was one of my top priorities so we could collaboratively make adjustments for lessons to become easier and more enjoyable for all.

I adjusted lesson plans so they were one page long which was more centred on discussions and understanding where the children were at in the faith. This seemed to ease the tension for most of our leaders as conversations around scripture were being had and in the process relationships being built. The children felt more connected to their leaders and in return the leaders understood the children more too.

In Term 1, we wanted the children to find a connection to the Disciples and relate to them in a more personal way. We looked deeper into each Disciples character and how Jesus used them. In Term 2, we explored ‘The Fruits of the Spirit’ which became part of our lockdown programme where we provided lessons to the parents so they could still continue the routine of having church activities at home. We connected through zoom and checked in on parents and the families as often as we could.

Last term (Term 3), we focused on the miracles of God in the old Testament which allowed the children to understand the bigness and greatness of the God we serve which has led us to this term (Term 4) where we are currently discovering the miracles of Jesus which will lead us to the ultimate miracle of Jesus’ birth at Christmas.

We have 8 consistent families that have children in our Children’s programme on a Sunday. The relationships between the children are getting stronger as they are developing a firm foundation in their faith and becoming accountable to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

We are also continuing our ministry at Youth on a Friday night where we are giving children the opportunity to be a part of the church family in a fun, social way. This term we are focusing on being ‘Superheroes for God.’

There have been a lot of changes this year and I have been so blessed to see the change and growth in the children during this season.

As it says in Ecclesiastes 3 vs 1 “There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens” and with this being the season when my role comes to an end I would like to thank everyone that has supported me this past year. I am excited to see what God has planned for His children in the next season, after all “He has made everything beautiful in its time.”



God Bless,  
**Kiesha Cox**



CHURCH COUNCIL, continued

**Church Accountability:** To report to the Parish at an Annual Meeting and to consider recommendations from the congregation.

**Church Discipline:** To determine matters of disagreement and discipline that affects the parish giving full consideration to the pastoral care to the individual(s), the wider parish, the laws of the land and Church, and to natural justice. This does not affect any individual(s) right to apply to a higher court of the Church.

**Oversight of Election of elders:** To arrange the procedure for the nomination & election of elders of the WCPC.

### 3. Members of The Church Council

The ministry of the church is exercised by the whole people of God, among whom both individuals and groups may be called to particular forms of witness and service.

The Church Council shall consist of:

The Minister(s) of the parish or Interim Moderator.

The Church Clerk

Congregational[1] appointees (up to 3 per congregation)

- i. Duly elected, ordained and inducted elders. (60% or greater)
- ii. Duly elected and inducted non elders. (40% or less)

Church Council appointees[2] (maximum 3)

Associate[3] members

A Minute Clerk[4] (appointed by the Church Council)

**Moderator:** The Church Council is normally chaired by the senior Minister. The Moderator cannot move or second a motion and has no deliberative or casting vote. When absent or in circumstances that in his or her opinion warrants such action, the Moderator may deputise another Minister of the Southern Presbytery, or a member of Church Council.

**Church Clerk:** The Church Council must each year appoint one of its members to be parish clerk for a fixed period of not more than three years. This can be extended for further appointments up to a maximum of 9 years.

CHURCH COUNCIL, continued

**Term of Office:** Each year, prior to the Annual meeting, each congregation may appoint up to three members to represent them on Church Council for the coming year. These appointments to be made at a meeting of the congregation. Individuals would normally serve for 3 years and not more than 6 years without a break. At least two of the three appointed should be an elder, variance from this may be allowed by Church Council as long as the overall council membership is at least 60% elders.

**4. Meetings**

- \* Meetings: The Church Council shall meet monthly on the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise agreed. Meetings of Church Council are open to members of the church except where matters of a pastoral or confidential nature are being considered, or when deemed expedient to meet in private, in which case the meeting is open only to current Church Council members.
- \* Practices: Church Council meeting shall be run using standard meeting guidelines and procedures. Decisions will normally be made by consensus, however any member can call for a vote, at any time.
- \* Quorum: A quorum of the Church Council consists of one third of it's (voting) members, plus the minister.
- \* Records: The Clerk is to keep a roll of its members and associates, take charge of its papers, books and documents. The Clerk shall keep official minutes of each meeting of the Church Council.



SMALL GROUPS

**PRAYER GROUP**

## Saturday Morning Prayer Group

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"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them"

Matthew 18:20

This is a truth our Saturday morning prayer group can testify to. For several years now a small group-sometimes just one or two-sometimes four or five have met at 9am at St Margarets for a time of prayer together. Together we have talked, shared, laughed, cried but always prayed. Our prime focus is praying for our church and its people. Through this time together each of us-and others! have been incredibly blessed. Anybody is welcome to join us.

**Janetta Coulter**





SMALL GROUPS

STUDY GROUPS

## Queenstown Hill Group

Our small group journey this past year has taken us through Daniel, Ecclesiastes, Romans 8, "For the Love of God" DVD, the story of Elijah in 1 Kings, 1 Thesalonians, and finally we watched the Keswick 2020 talks on Psalms 2 to 6. The time of fellowship, growth and encouragement was valued by all especially as we continued to meet online each week during the COVID 19 lockdown period.

Contact **David or Ann McNeill** for more details (022 369 4961).

## The Group on WEDNESDAY

The Wednesday Study Group for young adults continued for the year, tackling various studies which all had the impact of challenging, teaching, and growing our understanding and Christian living.

Held in our home, every Wednesday study was accompanied by worship, laughter and conversation in many accents. The group has been drawn from members of St Margaret's, Global and Manna, plus some others with no regular connection to the Church except for Wednesdays.

Like everyone else Lockdown changed many things—initially as we met by Zoom the group actually grew as some who no longer lived in Queenstown, reconnected from Auckland, Brazil and the West Coast. However after lockdown members began to relocate; and one couple had a baby, and suddenly late August it was time to close this particular group. It has been an awesome ride, and we have formed some deep friendships which we pray will continue.

For now however it is time to take a break and wait for God's next plan.

**Amanda and Ian Guy**



LEADERSHIP

MINISTER PERSPECTIVE: REV. IAN M GUY

Welcome to the 2020 Annual Meeting and to the Annual Report. I pray you receive this report and the annual meeting as an opportunity to celebrate and to give thanks to God who has blessed us richly through Jesus our Lord.

I enjoy reading these reports for as a whole they reflect our shared life and mission and we are reminded of the hope we have in Jesus Christ. I trust you can read these reports with a sense of thankfulness and appreciation for the grace of God and for the company of many others on this journey of faith we share.

The year has been challenging—the impact of covid has caused us to let go of plans, and sadly many members, as they have left Queenstown for employment opportunities elsewhere and in some cases the security of their homelands.

For the last few years we have identified as being a Church of the Nations for the Nations, thus it is not surprising that this current pandemic has, and is, impacting us so much. The challenges of the Lockdown period were: seeking to ensure pastoral care continued, that means of helping members take part in corporate worship were found, that church members and others had the resources necessary for their situation.

Regarding pastoral care it was good to see the elders and others stepping up and ensuring connections were made and in many cases strengthened. Worship and preaching was also a challenge in part overcome by a steep learning curve as we embraced zoom, YouTube, and the like. Personally I was delighted I could still put together, with the help of the Arrowtown RSA a meaningful YouTube ANZAC service—their delight in the feedback afterwards made the effort well worth while.

Some of the zoom gatherings were wonderful with people zooming in from beyond the congregation and being warmly received, and the ability to lead services and devotions in Auckland and Nepal was an unexpected expansion of ministry that I enjoyed. A fun expression of our church life was the flash mob when on Sunday 31st May a large number of us descended on The Mall and led by Rachel Ross sang the NZ National Anthem—all verses. A wonderful, uniting and affirming moment.

Last year I was encouraged by the numerical growth we were experiencing—this year that growth reversed during lockdown yet I am still encouraged, because of the way we have coped with and adjusted to adversity, and today signs of fresh growth are appearing.

One of the great growth areas has been our involvement in social support for the community: we have been able to work with other church groups, agencies, local and national government to provide much needed support across a broad section of the community; we have also released considerable funds to members of the Church and some beyond the Church to pay essential bills, or the costs of repatriation flights. I am praying that involvement like this continues as it deepens the longstanding community immersed ministries that our congregations have long been known for.

LEADERSHIP

REV. IAN M GUY

Another positive of the past 12 months have been the growing opportunities for people to gather in small groups, albeit post covid our own homegroup has closed as people have left town, many others are thriving. I thank those involved in preparing studies and opening homes—this is a marvelous ministry. International mission is another area of deepening involvement. This even when planned visits to Nepal and Vanuatu had to be cancelled. Yet your support for this work has remained steady and in some cases increased.

The most significant mission involvement I have in the year has been the opportunity to show the film, The Twelve Thousand and to raise awareness of the evil trade of human trafficking—your response has been very encouraging and we have been able to send significant funds to the Apple of God’s Eyes and more recently to The Spring School.

The Spring School project was first picked up by the Church 3 years ago when a little over \$16000 was raised but it has been quiet since then, that is until August when land was finally purchased and we are now in full fundraising mode to get the school built.

At the same time our focus on Vanuatu and the Bush Mission has not waned—and the visit of Pastor Tueni deepened friendships.

Looking ahead we can expect challenging times; many of our membership are facing the reality of continued reduced incomes as the economy struggles to return to pre-covid levels; some businesses are closing, some still reducing staff—we can expect many will be in hardship and the sense of isolation and separation from loved ones will be hard to bear for some.

This Church I believe will continue to respond with practical generosity, arms that embrace, and a constant message of the love, faithfulness and the sovereignty of God.

My co-workers in Christ I thank you for the encouragement and support you offer to Amanda and myself. I acknowledge especially the work of Carlton and Clay as they lead crucial life enriching ministries, Shirley Watson as she keeps us on track, Meilita Manusama who ensures the business of the Church is done, David McNeill who keeps us out of trouble, and the many elders, conveners, group leaders, musicians, fix-it people, cleaners, caterers, disciple-makers, prayers, visitors, hand-holders, evangelists, teachers, and you all.

Finally I wish to acknowledge, Ryan Feng, who having been accepted for Ministry training by the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand moves on, along with Tara and Lucas, from our midst. Their contribution in many areas of the Church has been significant and there going is our loss—yet God is leading, and in God we trust.

Arohanui

*Ian Guy*



SMALL GROUPS

WOMEN’S GROUP

## Arrowtown Women

Arrowtown women have been continuing to meet throughout this somewhat crazy year, in person when able and via zoom when not. We have been encouraged to see more people meeting together to pray and read God’s word, and are now offering two meeting times - Monday lunch and Wednesday night to make our meetings accessible to more of the women in our congregation. We are thankful for the loving support provided by our groups, and the challenging and encouraging discussions we have as we share life together. Together we have looked at tough questions, seeking serenity with God and we are finishing the year studying Galatians.

**Alexandra Badenhop**

MEN’S GROUP

## Manna Blokes Group

Hi,

Re: men’s group or know as blokes group.

On every second Thursday at St Margaret’s at 12-1pm, between 4 and 7 blokes come along. Each blokes take a turn of sharing a thought and this stirs up discussion.

Awesome group of men. I text out to 15 blokes each fortnight.

The relationship building and encouragement for each bloke is amazing , God stirs up souls.

Cheers.

Kind regards

**Brent Mitchell**

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**SMALL GROUPS**

**WOMEN'S GROUP**

**Women in Touch**

Women in Touch was first established about 40 years ago as a young woman's group and especially for those with children and babies. It really is lovely that a similar group may now be started for the younger women in the church.

Tempus fugit and we are no longer young women but we do feel that we are in touch with society, current events and are relevant. We enjoy meeting together and welcome anyone who would like to join us. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm usually in the lounge at St Margarets' church. We have a time of devotions and sometimes have a speaker. We always have supper and a chat.

This year we have sadly helped with kitchen work for funerals. We have again visited the Bupa home to sing carols at Christmas. We have also packed boxes, which are sent to children around the world who live in poverty.

We have also taken over the job of filling bags with toothpaste, toothbrush and comb which are taken to the Lakes District Hospital to be given to patients who arrive after an accident.

**Janet Rutherford**

**COME**

COME is a small group meeting....which meets regularly on a Thursday Morning...

It is open to all who are able to COME.

This is more of a Devotional sharing, rather than a Bible Study. This means if any are unable to come one week, there is no need for catching up, as with a study.

It is also, where we are able to share with one another in our walk with the Lord, trusting that each person respects the confidence in which we share, knowing that it stays with the group.

We have also been Blessed to have 3 Speakers during this past year. Two sharing of their Mission involvement. One of these being a family from Romania.

Plus a couple, who spoke of their time serving overseas at three International Churches.

As the name suggests, **COME** is an invitation to any who would love to join with us.

**Lynley Hansen.**



**LEADERSHIP**

**MINISTER PERSPECTIVE: REV. DR. CARLTON JOHNSTONE  
THE CONGREGATION - ARROWTOWN**

Looking back at my calendar a year ago today we had the church fair and fair service, a family camp, I went on a ministers tramping retreat, I was conducting weddings and had friends and family staying.

It is hard to overstate how much Covid-19 changed and shaped 2020. It was, unlike many events, something that everyone in NZ experienced. We did lockdown together. The way people experienced this is no doubt different.

I was encouraged by the way St John's congregation engaged with Zoom services that took us through Easter as well. It highlighted the importance of connection and the way church communities play a vital role in this.

The elder's at St John's were calling and praying for people in their pastoral care role. The elder's met over Zoom on a number of occasions. I was part of the Civil Defence Goods and Households Group that meet over Zoom weekly. Agencies working together to respond to the need in the area reinforced the strong community that Queenstown is. As time went on it was fair to say that people began to experience Zoom fatigue. I know I did.

We had a few families that joined us as we came into levels that made it safe for us to gather again. Eventually they could get flights to make it home overseas. We have had others who have joined us this year that live in the area and some like Russell and Esmae Styles who have moved out of the area. They will be missed.

We had not been out of lockdown for too long before I broke my hip and felt like I went back into a lockdown of sorts. The road to recovery has been long and slow and at times frustratingly limiting. I am grateful for the way the people in the congregation and ministry team have covered for me. I really enjoyed the opportunity to be a congregational participant listening to life-faith stories of people at St John's.

Our music worship team keeps going from strength to strength. Who would have imagined five years ago that we would have a drummer as part of the team, let alone two guitarists, a dedicated pianist and organist. I remember in my first few years having to "borrow" pianists from around the congregations so we could have music.

The worship team enrich the worshipping life of St John's and it is evident they enjoy playing together. They are also committed to praying together that has a positive influence in the way they lead us in song and praise and prayers and at times lead the whole service.

All of our volunteers make the life of St John's what it is - Mainly Music team, children's and youth ministry leaders, small group participants, those serving morning tea and looking after the grounds and greeting people and setting up and packing down. Those who visit, and bake, and pray. The elders and property team. Together living the one another passages of scripture, 'speaking the truth in love, [growing] to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work (Ephesians 4:15-16).

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REV. DR. CARLTON JOHNSTONE

Following our fruit of the Spirit series this year we are now into a series on the minor prophets that will take us up to Christmas. All of these twelve prophets have many fresh things to say into our context today.

It has made a difference having Kiesha as our children's leader. You can read her report for more in this area. Her passion to see the kids grow in their knowledge of Jesus that impacts how they live is significant. I have really enjoyed working with Kiesha and brainstorming ideas and learning from her as we develop our ministry to and with families. We will miss not having her in this role and wish her all the best as she takes up a full-time teaching role at Kingsview School. We pray for God's providence in providing someone to step into this role to continue the great work.

Arohanui,

**Carlton Johnstone**



small groups  
because life is better together



It is said of organisations that the bigger they become the smaller they must also be. A contradiction only at first hearing for the truth is that as any organisation grows then the members of it have to work harder at building and maintaining healthy relationships. One way of doing this is by getting together in small groups; i.e. becoming smaller. Over the years in church this truth has been well attested. In the early church it seems that one pattern of living was to meet together in homes during the week, i.e. small groups then gathering as the worshipping community once per week.

We also know that our Triune God calls us to relate to one another deeply, honesty, and compassionately. Furthermore, as disciples of Jesus we are expected to commit ourselves to a life-long journey of discipleship in which we mature in the ways and the character of Jesus. Small groups that meet to pray, to study, to worship all have a part to play in this.

Below are a few reports of the groups currently operating within the Church, these reports give an insight into the life of the groups and I trust they will encourage others to get involved, either by starting a small group or joining one of the existing ones.

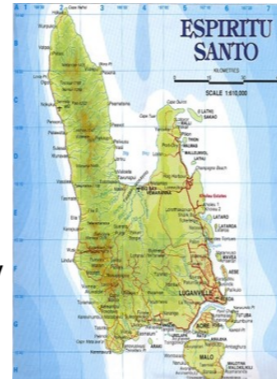


**GLOBAL MISSION**

**VANUATU**

**Vanuatu**

This year we did not take a team to Vanuatu with the borders being closed. We did have the joy of Ps Tueni (Director of the Bush Mission) and Nanjoo and their son Christopher coming to us. PsTueni preached at a combined service and at Global. He shared more on the work of the Santo Bush Mission one evening where people Zoomed in from Wanaka, Te Anau and Cromwell.



Vanuatu was hit hard this year by Cyclone Harold. We sent the money we had raised to date for the team going alongside additional fund-raising to give financial assistance to the rebuilding work of damaged buildings and supporting the mission workers and their families.

Talua, the theological college of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu is closed until next year. If the borders open up again in 2021 we will consider taking a team. We will continue to support the Santo Bush Mission through prayer and our on-going commitment to the financial support of a pastor and teacher working for the Bush Mission.

Tangkiu tumas (thank you very much) | **Carlton Johnstone**

**Giving to Mission in Nepal and Vanuatu.**

Money raised strengthens our ability to support the work of the Aashish Presbyterian Church, The Spring School, the Apple of God’s Eyes in Nepal, and the Santo Bush Mission in Vanuatu.

At any time place your financial gift in an envelope, write clearly the purpose of your gift and add your name and contact information if you require a receipt, and add it to the offering. Any unspecified mission giving will be used to support the work in Nepal and Vanuatu.

If you prefer gifts can be made at any time by making a deposit to the Church bank account. Please include in the reference **Mission and the specific ministry you wish to support**. Also please send an email ([wcpchurch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wcpchurch@xtra.co.nz)) to the church office advising of your deposit and the reasons you are giving it.

**Bank: BNZ**  
**Account Name: Wakatipu Presbyterian Church**  
**Account: 02-0948-0020110-000**

In addition it is now possible to give either one-off or ongoing to the following via Givealittle.

- Pasta Cafe <https://givealittle.co.nz/org/wpchurch>
- The Spring School <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/the-spring-school-education-to-prevent-trafficking> (use this to support the Ride4Freedom)
- The Twelve Thousand (Apple of God’s Eyes) <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/the-twelve-thousand>

Donors on Givealittle can opt-in to gift their tax credit to the cause when they make a donation - potentially boosting their gift up to 48%! You do not need to do anything - Givealittle and TaxGift are doing it for you.

Receipts will be issued by Givealittle.



**LEADERSHIP**

**MINISTER PERSPECTIVE: CLAY PETERSON**  
**THE CONGREGATION: GLOBAL COMMUNITY**

**Wakatipu Global Community | Annual Report**

**2020 | A year that will never be forgotten.**

I always understood that challenging times bring great opportunities. In this report I will basically focus on the challenges of this unforgettable year, but you will also read some encouraging signs of great blessings all the way through this tough season.

We’re still in the midst of the effects of the Pandemic that shaped this year unlike anything else. The difficulties were huge during the Lockdown period. We all had to learn new skills in order to maintain some sense of normality for our congregations. I must say I was pleased with the amazing response from our church members and friends. The numbers of attendees for our services online were very encouraging, with many more people joining our ZOOM meetings than I expected. We reached the number of more than 60 people online for the Sunday Evening service. Some of the attendees were from Auckland, Wellington, Timaru, Cromwell and even from Brazil. We also had several prayer meetings online, and some are still going through Zoom as it proved very handy.

However, during this time we realized that some families would not be able to cope with the restrictions and job losses. It was especially hard to farewell several people, with no proper hugs and the much-needed personal support they desperately longed for. Nobody would imagine that after many years of planning and great effort to try a new life in New Zealand, they would have only a couple of weeks to pack their belongings and head to a repatriation flight back home. These are incredibly sad moments that we will never forget.

During the lockdown and in the months afterwards, several migrant families received Baskets of Blessing and financial support for needs, such as payments of energy bills and similar. We are so grateful to those in the community who blessed us in so many ways.

In this country, we were so blessed with incredibly low numbers of people infected by COVID-19. Yet, financial hardship has spread all over, hitting the migrant community very badly. The number of families facing job loss, reduced hours, and lower income is huge. The exterior quietness of the lockdown was suddenly exchanged to an extremely high level of concerns about the future. Many families had to make hard decisions in order to cope with limited resources. Some have decided to move to cheaper accommodations, and some are moving to motor homes.

The full picture of the distress and worries has affected all of us. I believe that saying that some of our church members are still unsettled is a fair way to explain our current situation as a mainly migrant community. But, we are working to spread hope and to support those in need. Nowa-

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**REV. CLAY PETERSON**

days, through our preaching and pastoral care, we are encouraging people to trust in the one who is in control of everything. So, let us see some signs of hope in the following topics.

**RENOVATIONS FOR OUR GLOBAL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

This year was not only marked by the effects of the pandemic. We've seen a great development in our children's ministry. Since August, Michele Araujo is leading this important ministry and she has been extremely successful in the way she cares for both people and structure. When we work with children, having a motivated team is fundamental, and for this very purpose, offering a clean and tidy space is very important. With this in mind, we worked together, with a good number of volunteers and a very generous donation of hours of work. We were able to achieve a major renovation in the downstairs area, including the installation of walls to turn one room into two new rooms, a nursery corner and storage. We still have work to do, but the whole area looks much better and safer for our children.

**GLOBAL TEENS**

This was a time of growth for the Teenagers group. The number doubled since last year (from two in 2019 to four teenagers now), and we expect the same growth for next year when 4 new pre-teens will graduate and move to the Class. This very committed group is receiving regular teaching under the Leadership of Cássia Gonçalves and her team of three brave volunteers. Their activities had no break even during the lockdown, as their lessons continued online. During the first Semester the teaching series were about Christian Commitment and now the focus is on the Parables of Jesus.

Recently, they developed t-shirts and jumpers to create a visual identity, which is excellent for them. They are also engaging regularly with other groups in weekly activities in Arrowtown with focus in their progress as strong believers, in a world that desperately needs examples of faith. We know how challenging it is to be a Christian in High School, where our creed is questioned in all sorts of ways. We believe that teaching the strong fundamentals of the Scriptures will protect our precious group of teens from the dangerous disbelief that surrounds them every day.

In terms of structure, the new room in St Margaret's, prepared for the use of the teenagers was extremely helpful and much appreciated. It is now possible to achieve more activities in this reserved space.

GLOBAL MISSION

**NEPAL**

**Special Focus in Nepal**

Currently, we have a focus on THE SPRING SCHOOL

This is a project initiated by Anjali Tamang, a graduate of AoGE. Her dream is to establish a school in her home district in Nepal to prevent more girls from being trafficked, to give them a bright future, to raise awareness, and to change the mindset of her people. In 2017 we raised just over \$16000 for this, but have waited until the land was purchased before doing more. On Tuesday 4th August 2020 the sale and purchase agreement for a suitable block of land was confirmed.

We now seek to raise at least another \$50000 as our contribution to the establishment of this school. Initially, this will be based in either a rented building, or a purpose built school-house while registration takes plans and building on the land can commence. In the future, we expect to make further contributions to the development and maintenance needs of the School.

In support of this project Joao and Tania Petreceli starting October 26th are biking, 3000kms, from Cape Reinga to Bluff and 'selling' kms at \$30/km. Visit <https://ride4freedom.org/> as we meet their ride continues.



GLOBAL MISSION

## Mission | to the nations...

We are the Presbyterian Church of the Wakatipu, a Church of the Nations for the Nations. Our desire is to glorify God by serving people locally and abroad. Our international mission commitment is focused on **Nepal** and **Vanuatu**. The Church Council invites support of these missions by praying, by giving, and by going.

If you are giving to mission: thank you. If you are not then we encourage you to prayerfully consider what you can do. The truth is that every prayer and every dollar and every person that takes an interest does make a difference.

The joy in mission is seeing lives changed and in the process of serving we ourselves are served, and God is honoured.

The primary task of Wakatipu Global Mission is to partner with local churches and other groups and to offer support in the areas that they believe it is most valuable. At home we raise awareness, teach, and encourage every member of the congregation to be actively involved in mission both within and beyond New Zealand.

There are many mission opportunities and occasionally we will support a wide range of these but for now our efforts are focused on two nations: **Nepal and Vanuatu**.

**Nepal:** Here our main connection is with a local national church from the reformed tradition. They are currently developing a program of Church Planting and Evangelism across the nation and we have committed to the financial support of two of their Church Planters. In recent years annual visits by members of the ministry team and others have been made to offer teaching, friendship and encouragement.

In addition, we have links with the Apple of God's Eyes and the Children of Nepal. **The Apple of God's Eyes (AoGE)** is an organisation dedicated to the restoration of girls who have returned to Nepal after having been trafficked. They run homes for 200 girls, a school, and medical and dental clinics which are also available to the community. **The Children of Nepal** focuses on disadvantaged boys—providing a home, education and a future: our connection here is minimal.

Funding for this is a mix of self-funding plus grants made from your specific giving, fundraising and the Ministers discretionary fund.



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### THEOLOGY CLASSES

After a gap during the first semester for various reasons including the lockdown, we now have two programs of Theology under the coordination of Ps Cláudio Gonçalves. He is sharing his expertise with two young teachers, Felipe and Fábio, who are running a beginners class, while Ps Cláudio teaches the former students of previous classes.

### CONCLUSION

We would need a lot more space to share everything we've been experiencing since last year. We have prayer groups, music team, discipleship, and a very encouraging Sunday Evening Sermon Series on the Gospel of Mark that began in January and it is still going on... All of these things show us that even in this strange period, God is still working on us for his Glory.

Human predictions say that we will suffer the effects of the pandemic for a little while, but we will keep serving and believing, as we always did. **TO GOD BE GLORY!**

Wakatipu Global Community  
**Clay Peterson**



LEADERSHIP

**CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT**

**SHIRLEY WATSON (CHURCH CLERK)**

Your Church Council has met monthly, continuing with Zoom meetings during lockdown to keep in touch and deal with any issues which arose. We were extremely grateful to Ian who organised a service on You Tube every Sunday and zoom meetings following the service for Manna and St Margarets. and for Carlton and Clay who continued with Zoom meetings for their congregations.

In February we had a very special occasion at the riverside in Arrowtown when nine adults and one baby were baptised. We all joined in a shared barbeque prior to walking to the river's edge. Thanks to all those who contributed to the evening.

Although our service attendance numbers have decreased slightly we were excited to be able to worship together again in Level 2. It has been upsetting to farewell some of our families and young people who have had to return to their home countries or have left Queenstown seeking work elsewhere. Since our last annual meeting the Church has been saddened to have funerals for John Wilson, Dorothy Taylor, Henry Kramer, Beryl Willsman, Florence Binney, Rosslyn Munro and Keith Syme who were valued members of their congregations.

On the weekend just prior to lockdown a very successful Women's weekend with Deborah Bower leading teaching and worship was held at St Johns. Although numbers dropped a little at the last minute, there were still between 40-50 women who participated and were questioned and stimulated in their Christian walk.

Normally the women do the catering for a function but this time the ladies were grateful to the men who organised the food The weekend ended with a dinner at La Rumbra and Combined worship on Sunday at St John's with Deborah leading.

Your Council made the decision, in light of the Covid pandemic, to cancel the Church Fair and we are grateful to Stanley Swiety and Lindsay Key who organised a smaller event for the St Margarets Carpark on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

After much deliberation Council agreed we would continue with Pasta Cafe this year but with a few major alterations. Our thanks to Jo and Nick Clark for once again stepping up and convening it. Special thanks to Kaye Parker and the Greatest Needs Fund, Senior Citizens, Arrowtown Scouts, Tony Strain, the Knapdale community and many individuals who supported us financially and with food donations. For the first time in 18 years Pasta Cafe was held at St Margarets and the layout and methodology were very successful.

We continue to support two Church planters and the Apple of God's Eye (Girl's Home) in Nepal. Although Carlton had to cancel his trip to Vanuatu this year, we were able to send a very generous donation to Vanuatu to assist them after the storm damage they suffered. We were honoured with Ps Tueni's preaching in July and it is a blessing to see the growing relationship with the San-to Bush Mission in Vanuatu. Thank you to everyone who has donated to these missions. Ian has been promoting the video The 12000 and donations have regularly been received for this mission.

OUTREACH

**BASKETS OF BLESSING**

The following is an extract from my Chairman's Report for Baskets of Blessing that Wakatipu Presbyterian Church supports. St John's is the hub that it operates out of and was the busiest place in Arrowtown during lockdown.

volunteer organisation has profoundly advanced as an organisation over the last twelve months.

Implementing a Covid-19 response strategy has seen our organisation transform from a small group meeting occasional nominations to a consistent twice-weekly distribution providing dozens of families with food support every week. Lock-down produced an immediate increase in demand our high migrant population and extensive redundancies. Baskets Meals was classified as an essential service and was included in the weekly Goods and Households interagency Zoom meeting that came under Civil Defence.

We have been growing so fast the future is hard to predict. In 2019 we used to deliver 200 meals and 20 gift baskets to approximately 40 people a month. Now we deliver approximately 2500 meals a month and 40 gift baskets to approximately 200 people a month.

Since 01 April 2020, volunteers have cooked over 15,000 meals and delivered close to 12,000 meals to almost 600 recipients. In addition, we have collated and distributed 800 grocery hampers. Baskets of Blessing is the only organisation locally distributing free prepared meals to folk in need.

There is a rapidly growing realisation of just how many people in our community are needing support. We will continue to be part of the overall response to this need through what we do as we seek the welfare and flourishing of our community.

Thanks for your support and involvement in BoB,

**Carlton Johnstone**





OUTREACH

**FAIR**

The 2019 fair was again a testimony to God's goodness to us – we did not have four fine days in a row before the fair & we did not have four fine days in a row after it, either! And some people in this district do notice!

God is Good-All the time!

The fair is a great team-building exercise between the various congregations of our Parish & I am very thankful for the many helpers who came from these congregations to work together as one.

I find it a joy to get to know people better by working along-side them.

It is a great opportunity for the Parish to be 'High-Vis' in our community & be a blessing to it.

I am extremely thankful for the help of Eve, Raewyn, Shirley, Bruce, Kim & Stanley, as well as David & Anne, Joseph & Jackie, Edwin, Koko, Owen & the many, many others who committed themselves to the task at hand & stepped up.

Thank you for putting your trust in me to facilitate the fair this past year.

Yours in Christ,

**Lindsay.**



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**SHIRLEY WATSON**

Locally a consequence of lockdown has been the far closer working with various social agencies, this has been very positive and continues as we seek to support the people of the community.

Special thanks to Lita, our Church Secretary for the long hours she spends in the Office. Her willingness to help is much appreciated.

A big thank you to our Ministers, Ian, Carlton and Clay – especially during lockdown when their pastoral care went beyond the normal. Their work load is at times enormous and this year they overcame the unique challenges that were thrown at them.

Thank you to all the members of the Church especially our Elders and Office bearers teams who in particular stepped up in a caring manner and reached out to others during lockdown.

**Shirley Watson**

Church Clerk



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Church Council membership for the coming year:

Ministers: Ian Guy (Moderator - non-voting)  
Carlton Johnstone  
Clay Peterson de Oliveira

Church Clerk: Shirley Watson (18)

Treasurer : David McNeill

Congregational reps:

Arrowtown Jayson Badenhop (19)  
Global associates\* Cláudio César Gonçalves (19),  
Iraja Max Haas da Silva (19)  
Manna Janetta Coulter (20), Kerrie Sproull (20),  
Kim Wilkinson (20)  
Frankton Janet Rutherford (17), Lindsay Key (18)

\*Appointed by the Church Council

At this stage most of the congregations are entitled to appoint additional reps. This can be done at any time during the year and would be helpful to the functioning of the Council.

The Church Council shall consist of:

- The Minister(s) of the Church or Interim Moderator.
- The Church Clerk
- Congregational appointees (up to 3 per congregation) (see note 1)
  - i. Duly elected, ordained and inducted elders. (60% or greater)
  - ii. Duly elected and inducted non elders. (40% or less)
- Church Council appointees (maximum 3)
- Associate members
- A Minute Clerk (appointed by the Church Council)



OUTREACH

REMARKABLE READERS

At the end of 2019 all Volunteers were treated to a tasty morning tea in the staff room where the Principal thanked us for the help we had given the children with their reading, and some of the pupils presented us with some lovely cards they had made for us.

Unfortunately this year has been disrupted with Covid 19 so we have had limited time with the Children at school.

I would like to sincerely thank all our readers for a great job which I know is appreciated by Teachers and Pupils. Special thanks to Shirley Watson for leading the Wednesday group and Neil and Hillary Jackson for leading the Thursday group.

Hopefully we can look forward to a more normal year in 2021, spending time with the children is most rewarding and enjoyable and if anyone would like to join us on Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday morning for an hour please contact me.

**Judy Holland**  
Reading Volunteer Coordinator  
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OUTREACH

**PASTA CAFÉ**

Covid has had a huge impact on our lives, and Pasta Cafe' has not been exempt.

It was decided for a number of reasons that Pasta Cafe' would not happen this year, Covid being one of them. However, Ian was approached by various agencies, Happiness House and Civil Defence being a few, with a request to run a Pasta meal as there was a great need to support families and folks affected by Covid in our community.

It was decided we could help make this happen but there were a number of problems which needed to be solved.

- St Andrews was not a suitable venue with problems
- Parking and water heating
- A more central location was needed.
- Key volunteers were needed.

St Margarets seemed a more suitable venue and with the co-operation of the Frankton congregation, we set to work to make it happen.

It was decided that we would run Pasta for 4 weeks and then review with the hope of doing 6 weeks in total but Covid got in the way with restrictions on numbers.

We were blessed with a large number of grants from many sources, Queenstown Greater needs fund, Senior Citizens Association, a donation from a Church in Invercargill, and from private citizens.

Also, we had deliveries of food from Kiwi Harvest, Tony Strain with venison mince, baking and Mince-meat from Waikaka-Knapdale Church, cookies by our parishioners and many others.

Thank you all.

We had 4 weeks of lots of hard work and fun with good numbers (130-230) attending. A wide variety of people came, lots of children with a games area, families, regular pasta folks and overseas casual workers stranded by covid. Volunteers were made up of parishioners and others from the community.

We were blessed by the help from Frankton church members and in particular our great Chef Budi and his helpers willing to work outside in the rain, cold and wind. Eve and Noeleen working for hours in the kitchen prepping veggies and washing dishes until late.

Thank also to Keith the "go too" man for setting up and Mike for the decorations and the musicians for their great work.

Pasta Cafe' can only be done with our church family being willing to come together to make it happen. This means hard work, long hours, compromise and inclusiveness and FUN when we work together.

Thank you to all who gave off themselves to bring Pasta together in 2020 in spite of Covid.

God has blessed us greatly.

Jo and Nick



LEADERSHIP

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP**

**Moderator:** The Church Council is normally chaired by the senior Minister. The Moderator cannot move or second a motion and has no deliberative or casting vote. When absent or in circumstances that in his or her opinion warrants such action, the Moderator may deputise another Minister of the Southern Presbytery or a member of Church Council.

**Church Clerk:** The Church Council must appoint a member of the Council (or the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church) to be Church Clerk for a fixed period of not more than three years. This can be extended for further appointments up to a maximum of 9 years. After a break, a person may be re-elected.

**Term of Office:** Each year prior to the Church annual meeting each congregation may appoint up to three members to represent them on the Church Council. These appointments to be made at a meeting of each respective congregation. Individuals would normally serve for 3 years and not more than 6 years without a break. After a break, a person may be re-elected. Note: At least two of the three appointed should be an elder, variance from this may be allowed as long as the overall council membership is at least 60% elders.



LEADERSHIP

## Pastoral Associates

**Cláudio César Gonçalves** is a missionary pastor sent by the Presbyterian Agency for Transcultural Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil to assist at the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church in Queenstown, and also to support the mission work in Nepal. He is here with his wife, Cassia and children João Pedro and Maria.



My main duties are:

- **Church Planting** - to led the establishment of the Kingston Church
- **Theology** – Preparing and teaching the weekly Theology Class at Wakatipu Global Community Church.
- **Worship Leading:** Assisting in preaching, in leading the sacraments, and in worship services at the Wakatipu Global Community Church and St Margaret's Presbyterian Church. My first sermons at St Margaret's Church were translated. By the grace of God, I have been preaching in English now.
- **Pastoral Care:** Sharing in the provision of pastoral care to South American Immigrants.
- **Discipleship:** Leading individuals to a deepening understanding of the Christian faith. Training new local Global Community preachers.
- **Mission:** Training leaders in the Nepal Presbyterian Church Planting project, supporting students and teachers during this period of training, and fundraising support for maintaining these new churches.

Ongoing Training: Studying to develop my skills in English and in Mission and Ministry.

I am grateful to God for being part of the Wakatipu team and walking together in God's work in New Zealand. This year my sending church has committed to another 5 years support.

**Irajá Max Haas da Silva** is the newest member of the pastoral team of the Church. Irajá with his wife, Rosiane, along with their son, Lucas, and daughter, Luisa, have been members of the Global Congregation since June 2017.



He joined the pastoral team in February 2019 directly assisting Pastors Clay Peterson and Cláudio César Gonçalves in Global Congregation liturgy, pastoral care, weekly worship group rehearsals and music lessons for children and adults from our congregations of St Margarets, St Andrews and St Johns.

Due to his education and experience, Irajá Max is today one of the strongest musical contributors within our community, also acting directly in our missionary trips, such as:



OUTREACH

## MAINLY MUSIC - ARROWTOWN

Little did we know as we finished off 2019 with our Christmas Session that 2020 was going to be the year it has turned out to be!! We seemed to have been in recess more, than we have run sessions this year. In part this is because our team has slowly become smaller as people have moved away or retired from Mainly Music and also because of the vulnerabilities of the age groups in both our team and in our families.

Back running again in term 4 we are all enjoying the freedom to interact with our communities but also realise the toll it has taken especially among our families. We all have our Covid stories to tell and it's not over yet.

So our year has been disrupted, sadly we have lost some valuable helpers who have been with us some since the beginning (Esmee and Heather) and others who have joined along the way (Margaret Hemmingway) but whom have all brought a special something to our team. But we have also gained Clare and have enjoyed her input and ability to learn on her feet and her youthful presence. We shall celebrate this very different year with our usual lunch at Millbrook and try and thank those former members of the team.

We were unable to celebrate our usual celebrations of Easter, Mother's day and Father's day or even our Theme or Favorites Days so are hoping and praying that we will be able to continue until the end of term and celebrate Christmas and the Message of hope it brings to the world.

Thank you to all of the Team both past and present for all the love and care they have brought to the team and let us continue to pray for the ongoing ability to run this special ministry to our Communities.

**Eileen Toner**



OUTREACH

**MAINLY MUSIC - QUEENSTOWN**

Along with everyone else I guess we'll all be saying -this was a year like no other! Not many of our programmes went according to plan.

The year had started very quietly with our sessions down to 6-10 families. It was difficult to pinpoint any particular reason for this. Numbers at sessions last year had been fairly low-but as usual we had a really big turnout for our Christmas session. Its always encouraging to see that lots of families make an effort to come for the Christmas celebration.

However once we could open up again after lockdown, numbers have steadily increased and we have had some very busy sessions. I am trying to keep the Facebook page updated-it's a real point of contact for families-and a couple of Mums share this on other pages like Playcentre.

We were deeply saddened at the passing away of our beloved Beryl Willsman-she had been a loyal, faithful supporter of mainlymusic since we started 15 years ago. She seldom missed a session and was always at the desk to welcome the arrivals.

After lockdown we also had Christine Macintosh and Noeline Murch step down from duties. We appreciate their years of service to mainlymusic and Thank them for their contributions.

This did leave our team quite depleted! But God graciously provided new helpers-and we continue to be able to work with a very dedicated hardworking team! Thank you ladies you do an awesome job each week blessing the families of our community.

At the end of this year we will have been running for 15 years- with all the upheavals we have had, we haven't made any plans for celebrations-possibly early next year.

Each year we do have a great deal to celebrate-I give Thanks to God for continuing to bless this ministry and I pray that Families will continue to be blessed through it.

On behalf of the mainlymusic team

**Janetta Coulter**



LEADERSHIP

**Nepal 2018:** As a result of this mission trip to Nepal, Irajá Max started weekly to meet two people to teach online:

A girl from "THE APPLE GOD'S EYES", a social rescue project that cares for about 260 girls today. As a result of this training in 2020 the project will have its own teacher of theory and practice in Recorder.

The second person is one of the leaders of the "COMPASSION HOME" orphanage who has asked our Church for help because they understand that music is a powerful tool to warm the lives and hearts of their 25 children already so mistreated by negative experiences and circumstances of life. As a result of more than a year of work, the children are already involved musically in their local church's programming, as well as in congregations scattered throughout Kathmandu's interior.

**Vanuatu 2019:** In its third year Vanuatu Mission is a missionary journey that has grown every year and in 2019 could count on music lessons given by Irajá Max who taught 22 students and 3 teachers in the mission school located in the middle of the jungle.

The strategy of reaching out to local communities through music has been so well received by the local community that there is already an invitation for 2020 to serve 50 children from another school who have not yet had contact with any kind of musical instrument.

**Locally :** As a Church we understand that it is a blessing to serve our community, and as part of this work, Irajá Max teaches music on two major projects such as "CONCERT BAND", which runs weekly at WAKATIPU HIGH SCHOOL and the newest Recorder class in KINGSVIEW School.

We give thanks to God for bringing Cláudio and Irajá to us and for their unique contributions to the life and ministry of the Wakatipu Church and we give thanks to those who enable them to be here from their homeland of Brazil.



THE CONGREGATIONS

**MANNA BREAKFAST CHURCH**

2020 will be the year we look back on as the Year everything changed! As Christians our challenge is to listen to Gods voice and discern what it is He is calling us to in the midst of a very different world. And the first thing we can know is that while everything has changed-God hasn't-and that is our anchor point.

The beginning of the year saw us exploring the book of Mark-we have several people who are willing to facilitate the teaching and discussion each week. We are always blessed each week as different people use their gifts to bring a fresh perspective to these passages.

Throughout lockdown we 'met' together via 'Zoom' and this was a very valuable contact time while we were isolating. It was even possible to link up with people who were out of town.

For the latter part of the year we have been journeying through Acts-again with Ian and other team members leading the teaching.

The passing away of Beryl Willsman filled us with deep sadness-yet quiet Thankfulness for a life well lived. And the absolute hope and assurance she is with Her Lord. Beryl was a loyal and faithful member of our Manna community.

We have farewelled several members over the last few months-many needing to return to their homeland-including several YWAM people. We are always thankful for what they were able to share during their time with us and pray God's blessing on their future.

And huge appreciation and Thanks go to all those who faithfully give of their time, resources, gifts and talents to support Manna each week-it really is a great team effort. May God Bless your lives as you work to bless others.

On behalf of the Manna team

**Janetta Coulter**



THE CONGREGATIONS

**KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Since the beginning, we have implemented a Sunday service like other churches with biblical readings, worship with songs and hymns, prayer for others, tithes and offering, preaching the Word, Saint communion and Benediction. After the service, we are also happy for the active participation of the members during the afternoon tea with good moments of relationships.

Rev. Ian Guy has provided all the support necessary for this work. In the beginning, he led the service and I preached. From July I was challenged to lead the service, communion and preaching alone, which was a blessing for me, especially for my development. Currently, when possible, he assists us in leading the Holy Communion. Rev. Mike Kirkby-Sing has attended these services too.



We have prepared a flyer with information about the services in Kingston and Garston.

Thus, the members will be able to invite their friends, family and/or neighbours to be with us worshipping together. Members also have advertised through Kingston Trading on Facebook, Library, Garston Community Center, Kingston Plunket and others. Through this, we received a visitor who told us that he is a Christian and would be happy to attend the church in his community with his wife and 4 daughters.

Our big challenge now will be to increase the number of services per month in Kingston next year.

We have appreciated this great opportunity and we have noticed the good hand of the Lord blessing this work. May God continue to bless us all.

**Claudio C Goncalves**



THE CONGREGATIONS

**KINGSTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Kingston Presbyterian Church is a new project by Wakatipu Presbyterian Church in partnership with Lumsden Balfour Kingston Presbyterian Church that started its services earlier this year in 2020 at the St John's Room.

Previously there was only one monthly service on the fourth Sunday at Garston Presbyterian Church with the participation of some members from Kingston and Garston. Then, after establishing this partnership, it was decided that we would have another service on the second Sunday of the month in Kingston with the participation of these members and under Pastor Claudio Goncalves leadership.

Our first service in Kingston was held on February 9, 2020, at 7 pm with the participation of two more new local families and visitors. We had 17 people gathered and the remarkable fact was the surprise of one of the sisters in the church with 4x the number of people that usually go to the service. It was a day of celebration and we were all happy with the opportunity to have the first church in Kingston.



We held the service in February and March and during the lockdown period (April and May) we remained in contact with the members via social media. On the 14th of June, we resumed the face-to-face services.

The average attendance at services has been around 17 people, including adults, children and babies, and some lovely visitors from St. Margaret's and Global. In the summer the service started at 7 pm but now in the winter and spring, we started earlier, at 3 pm.



THE CONGREGATIONS

**ST MARGARETS**

We have been served well this year by a variety of very capable and excellent preachers for which we are very thankful. Our Elders have also taken part in leading worship whenever necessary.

We acknowledge the work of our Managers team, Raewyn, Eve and Neil, as they are so hard working and well organised. They have worked steadily on the mundane tasks and our gardens are looking well attended. As we are a part of BURP we installed a baby change table which has been greatly appreciated by our mothers and babies who attend church regularly now. The Portacom has been re-arranged to suit the Teens programme.

We are very grateful to Bronnie Hartley for organising our songs and music weekly – her expertise is greatly appreciated. We were disappointed that three of our regular music team have had to leave Queenstown and acknowledge the contribution of Rachel Ross and Iraja Max.

Owing to the employment situation in this area, some of our members have had to leave to seek work in other places or return to their country of origin. They are greatly missed but we have also welcomed new people and families to our congregation which is encouraging.

Both Footsteps weekly children's programme and the reading assistance programme at the Remarkables School have continued to operate and we are thankful for the willing people who volunteer their time for these valuable ministries.

**Shirley Watson**

